

## **SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Substitute the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 17, with the following:

Host computer 102 includes a security module 110 that performs various security-related functions, such as monitoring, detecting and responding to attacks on host computer 102. Security module 110 includes an event manager 112 that is coupled to three security engines 114, 116 and 118. A security engine can be any service that assists in protecting against malicious users and/or malicious programs. Security engines 114-118 may be implemented in ~~software~~, hardware[[.]] or a combination of software and hardware. Particular security engines are security-related application programs, such as antivirus programs and intrusion detection programs. Security engines 114-118 may also be referred to as “services”. A particular security module 110 may include any number of security engines coupled to event manager 112. Security module 110 may also include other modules, components, or application programs (not shown), such as a security-related policy reader or other policy-handling mechanism.